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SUBJECT: Satellite Intercept Capability (U)

TO: Joint Chiefs of Staff  
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1. (U) References:

- a. CONAD Qualitative Requirement for a Satellite Intercept System (SIS), MQR 3-64, 8 January 1964.
- b. CONAD Qualitative Requirement for a Terminal Ballistic Missile Defense System (U), MQR 6-65, 15 Jul 65.
- c. North American Aerospace Defense Objective Plan (U), 1072-1073, 15 August 1963.
- d. DIA Publication DT-7-10-11-69, "SS-1-3 Space System", 19 September 1969.

3. ~~The~~ The feasibility of offensive space systems has been demonstrated recently by the rapid advances in space technology. The USSR has developed an impressive array of space boosters during the past decade and has launched spacecraft with weights up to approximately 20,000 pounds in support of a wide variety of programs. A major portion of these payloads orbited in recent years support military programs or could be adapted readily to military purposes.

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3. ~~The~~ CINCPAC/CINCPAC was early to recognize the growing threat from space systems and in January 1964 published reference in which stated a requirement for an improved Satellite Intercept System (SIS). Furthermore, reference 1b stated that proposals to satisfy the requirement for a Terminal Ballistic Missile Defense System should

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identify any inherent or potential anti-satellite capability of the system. In addition, the North American Aerospace Defense Objective Plans have long reflected a requirement for an improved SIS. To date, the only means made available to CINCOMAD for countering space systems is the USAF SIS (Program 437).

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5. In view of the above, it is requested that:

a. The JCS support a dynamic satellite track and intercept capability for the SAFEGUARD system.

b. Initiate action which will lead to the accomplishment of this objective at an early date.

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